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Mr. Arthur B. Focke
General Counsel
Bureau of the Budget
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Focke:

We have reviewed the comments forwarded by your letter of December 15, 1958 and contained in Civil Service Commission Chairman Harris Ellsworth's December 10, 1958 letter concerning our request for exemption from certain provisions of the Government Employees Training Act. We find the Commission's substantive concurrence in the proposal helpful in avoiding possible complications between the existing responsibilities of the Central Intelligence Agency and those responsibilities now placed on the Civil Service Commission and others by the Act.

Looking first to the comment regarding exemption from Section 10, we agree that the provision might read: "so much of Section 10 as provides, 'in accordance with regulations issued by the Commission under authority of Section (6)(a)'." We also agree that on balance from the standpoint of congressional and public relations it may be well to avoid a formal exemption from Section 11. We do believe, however, that the exemption requested from Sections 6 and 16 of the Act would provide the measure of clarity we deem desirable in keeping with our basic request for exemption.

Regarding Section 11, upon reconsideration in the light of Chairman Ellsworth's comments, we agree that exemption be requested from the whole of Section 11 rather than from only that portion referring to the Commission's regulations. The relief we desire might well not be provided by the exemption as originally proposed.

Since other changes in addition to the above have been agreed upon in our letter to the Bureau of the Budget, dated 4 October 1958, a revised draft of the proposed Presidential Directive is enclosed. This draft includes the changes agreed upon in our letter of 4 October and the changes set forth above.

We again request that this proposed Presidential Directive receive the earliest possible consideration.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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